

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

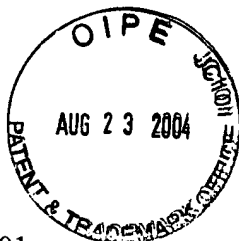
Thomas RUNKLER et al.

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Filing Date: April 21, 2000

Attorney Docket No.: 50277-0452

Client Docket No.: OID-1999-038-01



**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE**

Examiner: Pham, H.

Group Art Unit: 2172

For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR GENERATING DECISION TREES

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**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

FEE CALCULATION	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREV. PAID FOR	NO. OF EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	32	MINUS	34	0	\$18	\$ 0.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	8	MINUS	10	0	\$86	\$ 0.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Petition is hereby made under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) to extend the time for response to the Office Action of <u>May 20, 2004</u> to and through <u>August 20, 2004</u> , for an extension of: <input type="checkbox"/> One month (\$110) <input type="checkbox"/> Two months (\$420) <input type="checkbox"/> Three months (\$950) <input type="checkbox"/> Four months (\$1480)						\$ 0.00
<b>TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE DUE:</b>						\$ 0.00

- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR § 1.27.
- ☒ No additional fee is required.
- ☐ Payment of \$ \_\_\_ by Credit Card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.
- ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account \_\_\_\_\_, including any filing fees under 37 CFR § 1.16 for presentation of extra claims and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17

I hereby certify that this correspondence and all correspondence identified as accompanying this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Alexandria, VA, 22313-1450 on August 20, 2004.

\_\_\_\_\_, Date: August 20, 2004

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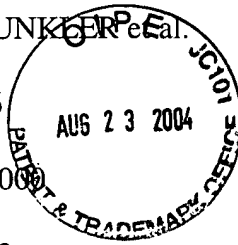
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the final Office Action of May 20, 2004.